OUR
Antient Teſtimony
RENEWED.
Concerning our Lord and Saviour
Jeſus Chriſt,
THE
HOLY SCRIPTURES,
AND THE
Reſurrection,

Occaſioned at this time by ſeveral Unjuſt Charges publiſhed againſt us, and our Truly Chriſtian Profeſſion, by *G. Keith*, who hath Unfairly and Untruly Miſrepreſented us.

Given forth by a Meeting of Publick Friends, and Others, at *Philadelphia* in *Penſylvania*.

Pſal. 41. 2. *Yea, mine own Familiar Friend in whom I truſted, and hath eaten of my Bread, hath lifted up his Heel againſt me.*

Obad. Ver. 10. *Becauſe of thy Violence againſt thy Brother* Jacob, *ſhame ſhall cover thy Face*, &c.

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To the

READER.

THAT we faithfully and sincerely own and confess Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, according to the Divine Testimones of the Holy Writ, and according to his Spiritual Manifestations upon our Souls; and it is for our Christian Vindication herein, and not for Controversie; (for a Contest with Contentious Persons is endless) this following Confession is writ and submitted to thy perusal. Farewel.

Our

Our Scripture Confession Concerning our Lord *Jesus Christ.*

I. *Concerning his Divinity, and his Being from the Beginning.*

WE believe, That in the Beginning was the Word, and that the Word was with God, and the Word was God, the same was in the beginning with God; all things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made: Whose Goings forth have been from of old, from Everlasting: For God Created all things by Jesus Christ, who is the Image of the Invisible God; the First-born of every Creature, the Brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express Image of his Substance. Jo. 1. 1, 2, 3. Mic. 5. 2. Eph. 3. 9. Col. 1. 15. Heb. 1. 3.

II. *Concerning his Appearance in the Flesh.*

WE believe, That the Word was made Flesh, for he took not on him the Nature of Angels, but took on him the Seed of Joh. 2. 14.

Heb. 2. 16, 17. of *Abraham*, being in all things made like unto his Brethren; Touched with a feeling of our Heb. 4. 15. Infirmities, and in all things tempted as we are, yet without Sin: He died for our Sins, according to the Scriptures, and he was buri-1 Cor. 15. 3, 4. ed, and he rose again the Third day, according to the Scripture.

III. *Concerning the End and Use of that Appearance.*

Jo. 8. 3. WE believe, That God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful Flesh, and for Sin condemned Sin in the Flesh. For this purpose 1 Jo. 3, 8. the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil. Being mani-Eph. 5. 2. fested to take away our Sins, for he gave himself for us, an Offering and a Sacrifice to God Heb. 9. 12. for a sweet smelling savour; having obtained Eternal Redemption for us: And through the Heb. 9. 14. Eternal Spirit offered up himself without spot to God, to purge our Consciences from dead Works to serve the Living God —— He was the Lamb that was slain from the Founda-Rev. 13. 8. tion of the World; of whom the Fathers did all drink; for they drank of that Spiritual Rock 1 Cor. 10. 4. that followed them, and that Rock was Christ, the same yesterday, to day, and for ever: Heb. 13. 8. Who suffered for us, leaving us an Example, 1 Pet. 2. 21. that we should follow his steps, that the Life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mor-2 Cor. 4. 11. tal Flesh! that we may know him, and the power of his Resurrection, and the Fellowship of

of his Resurrection, and the Fellowship of his Sufferings, being made Conformable to his Death. Phil. 3.10.

IV. Concerning the Inward Manifestation of Christ.

WE believe, That God dwelleth with the Contrite and Humble in Spirit; for he said, he will dwell in them, and walk in them; and that Christ standeth at the Door and knocketh, if any Man hear his Voice, and open the Door, he will come into him, and sup with him. And therefore ought we to examine our selves, and prove our own selves, knowing how that Christ is in us, unless we be Reprobates; for this is the Riches of the Glory of the Mystery which God would make known among (or rather in) the *Gentiles*, Christ within the hope of Glory. Isa. 57.17. 2 Cor. 6.16. Rev. 3.20. 2 Cor. 13. 5. Col. 1.27.

V. Concerning his being our Mediator and Advocate.

WE believe, There is one God, and one Mediator between God and Man, even the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a Ransom for all, to be testified in due time —— My little Children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not; and if any Man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Christ Jesus the Righteous 1 Tim. 2.5, 6.

1 Jo. 2. 1, 2. Righteous —— And he is the Propitiation for our Sins, and not for ours only, but for the Sins of the whole World. He ſits on the Heb. 7. 25. Right Hand of God the Father, and ever lives to make Interceſſion for us.

VI. Concerning his Unity with the Saints.

WE believe, That he that ſanctifieth, Heb. 2. 11. and they who are ſanctified, are all of one; for by the exceeding great and precious Promiſes that are given them, they are made 2 Pet. 1. 4. partakers of the Divine Nature; becauſe for this end prayed Chriſt, ſaying, *That they all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in thee; that they alſo may be one in us; and the Glory which thou gaveſt me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are, I in them,* Jo. 17. 21, *and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in* 22, 23. *one.*

VII. Concerning his Coming to Judgment.

WE believe, That we muſt all appear 2 Cor. 5. 10, 11. before the Judgment-ſeat of Chriſt, that every one may receive the things done in his Body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad —— Know-

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ing therefore the Terror of the Lord, we perſwade Men.

VIII. *Concerning the Reſurrection.*

WE Believe, There ſhall be a Reſurrection of the Dead, both of the Juſt and Unjuſt; they that have done good to the Reſurrection of Life, and they that have done evil to the Reſurrection of Damnation; Fleſh and Blood cannot Inherit the Kingdom of God, neither doth Corruption Inherit Incorruption. Nor is that Body ſown that ſhall be, but God giveth it a Body as it hath pleaſed him, and to every Seed his own Body: It is ſown in Diſhonour, it is raiſed in Glory; it is ſown in Corruption, it is rais'd in Incorruption; it is ſown in Weakneſs, it is raiſed in Power; it is ſown a Natural Body, it is raiſed a Spiritual Body. 1 Cor. 15. 37, 38, 44, 50.

IX. *Concerning the Scriptures.*

WE Believe, That whatſoever things were written for our Learning; that we through Patience and Comfort of the Scriptures might have hope-----Which are able to make wiſe unto Salvation through Faith, which is in Chriſt Jeſus: All Scripture given forth by Inſpiration of God, (as we believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and Rom. 15. 4. 2 Tim. 3. 15, 16, 17.

New

New Testament are) is profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction in Righteousness, that the Man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good Works: -----And knowing also, that no Prophesie of the Scriptures is of any private Interpretation; for Prophesie came not in old time by the Will of Man, but Holy Men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Pet. 1. 20, 21.

Our Solemn Confession, in the Holy Fear of God, concerning our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, according to the several Testimonies given forth by our Faithful Brethren.

WE sincerely believe, own and confess no other Lord and Saviour than our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, to whom the Prophets and Apostles give witness, and who in the fullness of Time took Flesh of the Seed of *Abraham*, and of the Stock of *David*: We confess to his Miraculous Conception by the Power of the Holy Spirit overshadowing of the Virgin *Mary*; and to his being Born of her (according to the Flesh) and that he took upon

on him a Real Body, and that he was a Real Man; and that in the Days of his Flesh he Preached Righteousness, wrought Miracles, was Crucified, being put to Death by Wicked Hands; and that he was Buried, and Rose again the Third Day according to the Scriptures; and after he Rose he really appeared to many Brethren, and afterwards he ascended into Glory according to the Wisdom and Power of the Heavenly Father, and is Glorified with the same Glory which he had with the Father, before the World began, being ascended far above all Heavens, that he might fill all things, whose Glory is Incomprehensible. And we also believe, That he is that one Mediator between God and Man, *viz.* that Intire, Perfect, Heavenly, and most Glorious Man, Christ Jesus, who ever lives, and endures in his Soul (or Spirit) and Glorious Body. We further believe, That according to his Promise to his Disciples before he left them, (*viz.*) That he would come unto them again, and that he that was with them should be in them, and they in Christ, and Christ in them, *John* 14.20. and that accordingly he came; and that he who appeared in that Body which was prepared for him, was full of Grace and Truth, and received the Spirit not by measure, appeared by a measure of his Grace and Spirit in his Apostles and Disciples, and doth since in all his Faithful Followers; And that he is their King, Prophet, and High-priest, and Interceeds and Mediates in their behalf, bringing in Everlasting Righteousness, Peace and Assurance for ever into their Hearts and Consciences, to whom be everlasting Honour and Dominion, *Amen.*

Concerning

Concerning the Soul's Immortality, and the Resurrection.

WE believe our Souls are Immortal, and shall be preserved in their distinct and proper Beings, and shall have Spiritual, Glorious Bodies, such as shall be proper for them, as it shall please God to give them in the Resurrection, that we may be capable of our particular Rewards, and different Degrees of Glory after this Life in the World to come.

Griffith Owen,
John Wilsford,
George Maris,
John Adams,
Nicholas Wallin,
William Biles,
Robert Owen,
John Lynam,
John Humphreys,
Caleb Pusey,
Alex. Beardsley,
Samuel Richardson,
Ralph Jackson,
Richard Gove,
Richard Ormo,
William Southby,
David Lloyd,
Samuel Jennings,
Thomas Duckett,
Thomas Janney,
Arthur Cooke,
John Symcock,
Robert Ewer,
Samuel Carpenter,
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Edward Jones,
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John Roberts,
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William Edward,
Edward Rees,
Thomas Jones,
James Fox.

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